

Appl. No. 10/245,178
Amdt. dated September 29, 2005
Reply to Office Action of July 27, 2005

REMARKS

This is responsive to the final Office Action dated July 27, 2005 in which claims 22-24 were allowed. Applicant greatly appreciates the allowance of these claims.

The Office Action also indicates that claims 2-21 and 25-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Farquhar in view of Miller '681.

In an effort to advance this case towards issuance and without conceding the validity of these rejections, Applicants have canceled claims 1-21, 27 and 29-30 and amended claims 25, 26 and 28 to depend from allowed claim 22.

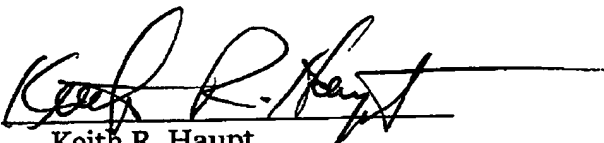
Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests Notice of Allowance with respect to claims 22-26 and 28 at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner feels that any matter in this case requires further attention prior to issuing a Notice of Allowance, he is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved. Moreover, Applicant respectfully requests that this

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amendment be entered pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116 in that it does not introduce any new issues and places the claims in better condition for allowance and/or appeal, if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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